

# Lib Dems set lowest tax rise for 10 years...

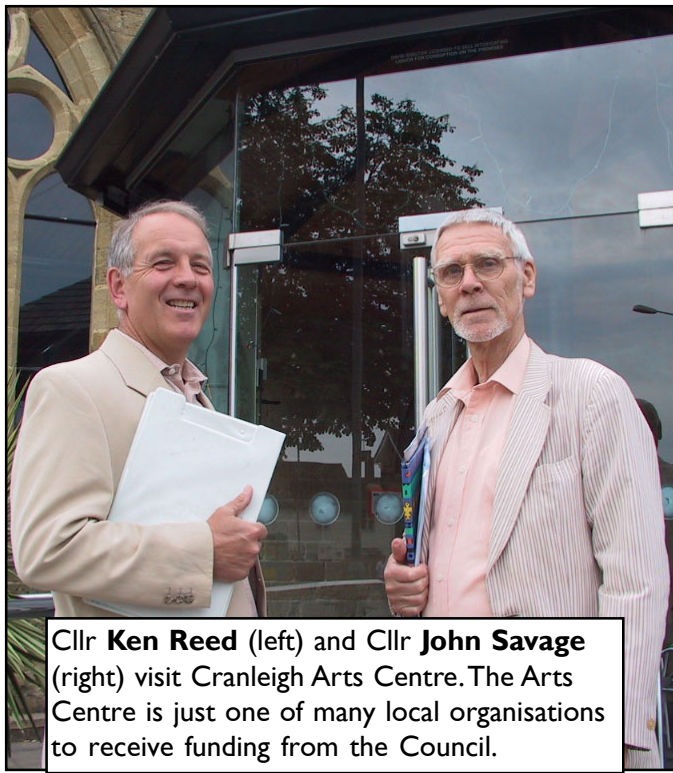
This spring Liberal Democrat Waverley Borough Council has increased its share of the council tax by just 2.4% - the level of inflation and the lowest increase in ten years.

Despite this low rise, the Lib Dems have announced significantly increased spending of: £385,000 on replacing **playground equipment** across the Borough; £92,000 extra per year on providing improved maintenance, security and cleaning services to the Borough's **parks and open spaces** and increased grants to **local organisations** including Citizens' Advice Bureau, Help the Aged, Cranleigh Arts Centre, plus many more.

The Lib Dems have also provided £125,000 of additional funding to ensure the survival of the **'Hoppa'** bus service – which will be even more essential if there are further cuts to bus services by Surrey County Council.

Cllr **John Savage** said: "We know that residents want us to find the money to provide good quality services as well as keep the council tax rise down.

The current Lib Dem administration is showing efficiencies that exceed the government's efficiency targets. Over the last two years, huge efforts have been made and as a result of this work, it has been possible for us to achieve net savings in the re-letting of some major contracts as well as generating efficiencies in annual staffing costs."



Cllr **Ken Reed** (left) and Cllr **John Savage** (right) visit Cranleigh Arts Centre. The Arts Centre is just one of many local organisations to receive funding from the Council.

## Did you know?

As of April 1st, free off-peak bus travel throughout Surrey is available to anyone in Waverley who is over 60 or has a disability.

If you think you may be eligible, please apply for a permit from any of Waverley's offices, most post offices and libraries, or [www.waverley.gov.uk](http://www.waverley.gov.uk).

## Plastics recycling collection starts this month

The alternate weekly collection service that is being rolled out across Waverley has been on trial over the last two months with local councillors - with **fantastic results**.

The recycling rate for the trial scheme was 52% - well over double the current rate of just 22%. This increase bodes extremely well for the new recycling scheme and hopefully such results will continue. Waste management has become a big issue in Surrey, with the Conservative County Council eyeing up landfill and incineration sites in the county.

Cllr **Ken Reed** said, "I am very pleased that the Lib Dems at Waverley are delivering on yet another election promise to start kerbside plastics collection throughout the borough. Although many residents are concerned about the new alternate weekly collection regime the Members' trial has shown that it can work. We owe it to future generations to significantly reduce and eventually eliminate the amount of waste we send to landfill."

Residents should call the Waverley recycling team on 01252 717614 if they have specific concerns or special circumstances that need to be addressed.



The Liberal Democrats are delighted that the trial scheme has been so successful.

# ...but Tory-run Surrey sends taxes soaring

In contrast, Tory-run Surrey County Council has increased its share of the Council Tax by 5%, yet is cutting services.

Surrey will be closing libraries and youth clubs, cutting grants to voluntary organisations and museums across the county, reducing bus services and cutting the number of highways staff - which is likely to delay traffic projects urgently needed to improve the poor state of Surrey's roads.

Local campaigner **Richard Cole** said, "Tory dominated SCC have continued to show contempt for the County's taxpayers. Millions have been wasted on outside consultants, agency staff and glossy brochures and a further £4 million on an aborted move from Kingston to Woking."

"Having wasted this money the Tories have had to find cuts of £50 million to get them out of their financial black hole. It is appalling that Surrey's thrown money away which could have been spent on better services for local people."



Too much money is wasted at County Hall.

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